



ALEXANDRIA, MT. VERNON, ACCOTINK TURNPIKE

LED BY WOODLAWN QUAKER SETTLERS, MEMBERS OF THE WOODLAWN COMMUNITY FOUNDED THE ALEXANDRIA, MT. VERNON, AND ACCOTINK TURNPIKE COMPANY IN 1856. THE TURNPIKE WAS CONSTRUCTED, IN PART, ALONG FORMER NATIVE AMERICAN PATHS AND THE WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEAU REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE. THE ROAD LINKED FARMS AND RURAL BUSINESSES TO ALEXANDRIA AND ACCOTINK. LATER CALLED ACCOTINK TURNPIKE THEN ACCOTINK PIKE, THIS ROAD RIVALED OLD KINGS HIGHWAY AS THE PRIMARY ROUTE FROM ALEXANDRIA TO MT. VERNON UNTIL THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. IN 1918, THE ROAD WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, AND IN 1926, IT OFFICIALLY BECAME U.S. ROUTE 1.